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### Modification to NOM-008-FITO-1995 on U.S.

### Imported Apples

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**On May 16, 2002, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA), published a modification to NOM-008-FITO-1995, which states that apples from the United States, with the exception of apples from the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, require verification at origin. However, the notification only allows five ports of entry instead of the nine ports previously authorized.**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes modifications to a final rule published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on May 16, 2002.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary:** The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) announced in the "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on April 16, 2002, modifications to NOM-088-FITO-1995 that establishes the requirements to import fresh fruit and vegetables. The announcement is modifying the requirement number F043 related to imported apples from the United States. The NOM requires verification at origin for U.S. apples, but the modification indicates that the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho are exempted. This new wording complies with the apple work plan for these states.

The announcement also lists the following Mexican custom points of entry: Tijuana, Reynosa, Manzanillo, Ciudad Juarez, and Nogales. Four points of entry previously authorized were not included: Laredo, Mexicali, Tuxpan, and Veracruz. This office has asked for a clarification as to why these last points of entry were excluded. So far, the Office of Plant Health from SAGARPA had not been able to clarify the issue.

**Title:** Modifications to the Mexican Official Norm NOM-008-FITO-1995 that establishes the requirements and specifications to import fresh fruit and vegetables.

**Type of Regulation:** Final

#### **Important Dates**

**1. Publication Date:** May 16, 2002

**2. Effective Date:** May 17, 2002

**Products Affected:** U.S. apples

**Agency in Charge:** Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food

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